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# VILLA CONFESSES STRUGGLE IS NOT YET COMPLETED

Definitely Denies Reports of Fall of Torreon.

OCCUPIES ONLY PORTION OF CITY

Wires to Rebel Leader at Juarez That He Expects to Obtain a Triumph—Little Change in Relative Positions of Contending Forces in Last Five Days.

Juarez, April 1.—Reports that Torreon had fallen were definitely denied by General Villa late today. His telegram was based on a message of congratulations on the fall of Torreon, dispatched to him yesterday by General Muel Avila, chief of arms of the garrison here. General Villa replied as follows:

"General Muel Avila, April 1, 1914. "Colonel Muel Avila, Jefe de las Armas, Juarez: "In reply to your message, I wish to state that while I have taken a part of the city of Torreon, the struggle is not yet completed. I expect to obtain a triumph of which I will advise you. (Signed) "GENERAL FRANCISCO VILLA."

"GENERAL FRANCISCO VILLA." Details of the struggle received here today were brief and showed that the relative positions of the contending forces have not changed to any extent in the last five days.

No Report of Clash.

Whether the coming to the relief of the Federals at Torreon have yet engaged those of the rebel General Monclovia Herrera, sent to meet him was not known. He was expected to receive the rumor that a train load of the soldiers of General Maas was blown up by a dynamite mine. The soldiers of General Maas were said to be numbered 4,000 men. To meet him it was reported General Herrera was detailed by General Villa. An engagement between those forces was expected.

Miguel Diebold, Mexican Federal consul at El Paso, made public a telegram from General Maas reading: "Reported of train untrue. Deny all such reports." The message was dated to-day and purported to come from Saltillo, just east of Torreon, by way of Eagle Pass, Texas.

Heavy Fighting in Progress.

Juarez, Mex., April 1.—Heavy fighting was in progress at Torreon today, according to a 1,000-word report received by General Carranza from General Villa to-night. The gist of the information was given out through General Carranza's secretary, Alfredo Breceda, to the effect that the heaviest fighting was now being done in the canyon, named Huachal, the southern railroad exit from the city. The canyon is said to be in reality a part of basin formed by the proximity of three mountains. Through this basin two railroads run. It is one of the most strongly fortified of the Federal positions, and General Breceda said the rebels were meeting with stubborn resistance.

It is reported that General Joaquin Maas, with Federal reinforcements, has been reported at Saltillo from where he recently has been sending dispatches and which is to the east of Torreon is making a circuit to the south with the purpose, the rebels are said, of joining the Velasco forces in Huachal. Whether the Velasco forces under General Herrera sent out to intercept him has been engaged is not known. According to General Breceda, the rebels have been raiding between San Luis Potosi and Aguascalientes. This is 200 miles south of Torreon, and is said to indicate the activity of another column of rebels, intent on hindering the movements of the Federals.

Part of City Occupied.

Chihuahua, April 1.—Official statement given out at rebel military headquarters to-day said the rebels occupy Gomez Palacio, Torreon, the city of Chihuahua, and the city of El Paso. The rebels have fortified themselves in some of the strongest places in the last named city, the report adds. The Federals, among other defenses, are occupying the hotel on the plaza, while the rebels have recently brought a few blocks away in the market house.

All Foreigners Are Safe.

El Paso, Texas, April 1.—A telegram sent from the front last night by George C. Carothers, United States government representative, received today says all foreigners in the Torreon district are safe, including H. S. O'Connell-Cummins, United States consul at Gomez, Palacio.

Warning by O'Shaughnessy.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Mexico City, April 1.—Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy telegraphed the State Department at Washington today warning that should General Villa approach Mexico City, rioting and anarchy could be averted. Mr. O'Shaughnessy advised strongly against the new embassy secretary bringing his wife and family to Mexico. He prophesied that if Villa captures the Capitol, it would be no different than the New York police force was withdrawn and the metropolis turned over to a mob.

It is reported from Vera Cruz that the negotiations between Lind and Rojas are about over. The attitude of Huerta here seems to be that he has put his back to the wall and will not enter into any definite negotiations unless he is first recognized by the Wilson administration. The largest resistance of his army to the largest army of the rebels at Torreon has caused him to assume a more belated attitude.

If Villa should be defeated there is no doubt that Huerta would break off all negotiations with Mr. Lind, and again defy the United States to intervene.

The dance in the attitude of Huerta is observed by all those who have

## MYSTERY IN TRIPLE MURDER

Officers and Coroner's Jury Unable to Find Definite Clue.

Clinton, Tenn., April 1.—Mystery surrounds the killing of three men early today of three members of the Selvers family. Millard Selvers was shot through the back of the head at his home, three miles from this city, and a short time later, three miles away, the Selvers family were found lying in the dining-room of their home. Officers who were on duty investigating the tragedy could not discover a definite clue. The coroner's jury likewise could get nothing out of which to render a verdict placing the blame on any one.

Millard Selvers' wife told the officials that she was awakened early today by a revolver shot and that she investigated and found the body of her husband lying on the floor with blood flowing from a bullet hole in the back of his head. His revolver was beneath him.

Mrs. Selvers swooned, she said, and does not know how long she remained unconscious. On recovering she summoned help and sent a messenger to the home of her husband's parents.

Unable to arouse any one at the home of the Selvers, she called a neighbor investigated and found the bodies of the aged man and his wife.

Miss Selvers, the widow, is a prosperous farmer. The older Selvers was sixty-five years of age and the son thirty-five.

MISSING GIRL RETURNS HOME

Police Place Little Faith in Her Story of Being Kidnapped.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Ridgely Park, N. J., April 1.—Jessie Wood, fifteen-year-old daughter of Peter L. Wood, a well-known hotelkeeper, returned to her home at 7 o'clock to-night. Her disappearance, however, had been the subject of a story of kidnapping a night in the New York garage, and escape through the back of the hotel.

"She said she was kidnapped by men in an automobile while walking alone to New York. She said she was taken to a garage and held there for a night. She said she was taken to a garage and held there for a night. She said she was taken to a garage and held there for a night.

"The police received the report mentioned earlier in the day that an automobile going in at top speed passed the hotel gate over Rock Creek on the Berkley Turnpike, about 4 o'clock last night. Before the gatekeeper could stop it, it had passed out of the 'block' and was gone.

Little credence is placed in the girl's story by the police.

PARISIAN MEN NOT CHARMING

Chum of Former Villan Could Proud She Is an American.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] New York, April 1.—Miss Alice Brewster, of Elizabeth, N. J., who was a chum of General Villan, returned today from a stay of several weeks on the Continent. She said she had been taken to the men of Paris that Mme. Joire, sister-in-law of Paquin, did to the French.

"The Parisian man charming? Nothing of the kind," exclaimed Miss Brewster. "He is pretty and very nice, but she is an American. And as for her whiskers, with which Mme. Joire is so proud, they are not hers. They are mine."

When one walks on the boulevards it is like passing through a Brazilian forest. The trees are the skyscrapers to the left, and not a clean face in sight.

Mr. J. said the French women make much of an impression on the fair Elizabethan.

"They are gaudy in their dress—not stylish," she declared. "They black their eyebrows, rouge their cheeks, and wear high heels. They are not as bold as they are in the privacy of their boudoirs. They have no sense of the word 'modesty'."

Paris papers please copy.

WILL HIDE FROM WITNESSES

Gummen Averse to Being Subjected to Identification Process.

New York, April 1.—Averse to being subjected to further identification process, the four men who were arrested in connection with the murder of Herman Rosenthal and now awaiting execution at Sing Sing, refused to identify the witnesses. They refused to identify the witnesses. They refused to identify the witnesses.

Preparation for the trial of Charles Becker, the former police lieutenant, who was charged with the murder of Rosenthal, is under way.

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## LAST STATEMENT OF BANKS UNDER PRESENT SYSTEM

Total Capital and Surplus Given at About \$1,788,000,000.

READY TO MEET NEW CONDITIONS

Will Start Business With Total Authorized Capital of About \$100,000,000—Increase in Loans and Discounts Causes Surprise.

Washington, April 1.—The new Federal reserve banking system will start business with a total authorized capital of about \$100,000,000 for all reserve banks, no matter how many institutions the organization committee decides to set up. This fact became apparent to-night when figures were made public from all national banks, and the announcement of the Federal Reserve Board, made March 4.

Under the reserve act, each national bank must subscribe 6 per cent of its capital and surplus to the capital of the reserve bank in its district, and the rest of this capital must be paid in by the district banks.

There were 7,462 national banks which signed in the legal time their intention to enter the system, so that the total would be \$1,788,000,000.

The statement issued giving these figures will be the last of the kind before the formal launching of the system, unless the organization committee changes its present purpose and delays the announcement of the reserve districts and cities. The total capital and surplus of the 7,462 national banks reporting was given at about \$1,788,000,000.

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